

HOUSE No. 3606

By Mr. Puppolo of Springfield, petition of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the costs for reimbursement to cities and towns for state-mandated busing. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.
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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

RESOLVE ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO REIMBURSEMENTS OF SCHOOL BUSING COSTS.

1 *Resolved*, A special commission is hereby established to investi-
2 gate and study the reimbursement of costs to cities and towns by the
3 state for mandatory busing. The investigation and study shall
4 include, but not be limited to, examining the costs of busing in each
5 municipality, the dates these costs are submitted to the state for
6 reimbursement, the actual reimbursement amounts received by the
7 municipality from the state and the timeliness of those amounts
8 following submission. The commission shall be appointed by the
9 governor and shall consist of 9 members as follows: the house and
10 senate chairmen of the joint committee on education, arts and
11 humanities who shall serve as co-chairs of the commission, the
12 house and senate chairmen of the committees on ways and means, or
13 their designees, the speaker of the house of representatives or his
14 designee, the president of the senate, or his designee, the commis-
15 sioner of education, or his designee, the state auditor, or his
16 designee, and a representative of the Massachusetts Municipal Asso-
17 ciation. The commission shall report to the general court the results
18 of its study, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry
19 such recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk
20 of the house of representatives on or before December 31, 2007.